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CLARIFICATION ON CARDBOARD RECYCLING

The intent of recent changes in the County's Recycling Program Requirements with respect to recycling old corrugated cardboard (OCC) is to specify the minimum level of OCC recycling service that must be provided by permitted solid waste collectors to their residential curbside customers. Collectors are strongly encouraged to recycle all OCC set out for collection, whether it meets the specifications described herein or not.

The intent of this document, then, is to clarify the mandatory minimum level of OCC recycling that must be provided by solid waste collectors. Collectors must separately collect and recycle OCC if residential customers set it out at the curb under the following circumstances:

1. The OCC is set out curbside in a manner that clearly separates it from any refuse that has also been set out for collection;
2. The OCC is free of contamination (liquid or solid); and
3. The OCC is flattened and no greater than 36 inches in any dimension.

Until further notice, there will be no enforcement action or penalties levied against collectors who collect residential OCC along with refuse set outs (i.e., the collector need not recycle OCC) under the following circumstances:

- A. The OCC has been set out in bags that also contain refuse.
- B. The OCC is contaminated with liquids (e.g., stained with oil) or solids (e.g., contains refuse);
- C. The OCC has not been flattened; or
- D. The OCC is greater than 36 inches in any dimension.